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Catinat And His Namesake

The recent visit of the French cruiser Catinat is like opening a page of romance. The vessel was named after Marechal de Catinat, one of the commanders under Louis XIV of France. The Marechal was one of the few commanders of the Grand Monarch who was above the petty trivialities and arts generally used by courtiers to obtain imperial favor. He had to his credit the victories of Marsailles and Staffarda in Italy. Voltaire gives a very interesting account of Catinat, in his history of Louis the XIV. The greatest victory won by Catinat was that of Staffarda against the Duke of Savoy. During the war of 1701 Catinat was in command of the French forces in Italy. Prince Eugene was preparing to attack the French marshal, but Catinat was forced by orders from the imperial minister not to march to the attack of the Prince, but to await an overt act. Subsequently Catinat was forced to retreat. He sustained no serious defeat, but the cabal of courtiers at home succeeded in having Catinat removed from the imperial command and the Marechal Duke de Villeroi substituted. The disgrace that befell Villeroi is celebrated in the annals of military text books. The forces of Prince Eugene secured entrance to the city of Cremona through the sewers and effected the capture of the astonished French commander.

Catinat had other commands and subsequently was in command at Strasburg. He is described by Voltaire as a man of calm and just mind, but who did not at times show the energy that a commander should display.

Denatured Alcohol

Collier's Weekly thus good naturedly discusses the denatured alcohol bill. "The industrial millennium heaves in sight with encouraging regularity. Congress has produced its latest harbinger in the Denatured Alcohol bill, which removes the tax upon grain alcohol, suitably poisoned, for commercial uses. The purpose of the poison is to prevent the public from drinking itself to death in an ecstasy of celebration over the golden prospect. Grain alcohol, reduced from \$2.50 to 25 cents per gallon, by the simple expedient of remitting the internal revenue, is to light an Aladdin's lamp for all of us. If all, or even a small percentage, of what its advocates claim comes true, it will light our rooms, heat our houses, drive our engines, and propel the automobiles which we shall buy from our savings on the other necessities of life. In the manufacturing field it will cheapen a wide range of commodities from incandescent mantles to smokeless powder. By its enlarged use, a livelier iris will burn upon our polished hats. Our furniture will be more shiny, the lead pencil with which we tot up our decreased expense of living more resplendent, because of free alcohol, and in death as in life we shall reap its benefits, since to it we shall owe that fitting and sombre glory which we have often admired rather than envied upon the burial caskets of others. Thus the aerial fancy-flights of the enthusiasts. We hope it's all true. We are eager to believe that at last we are to be delivered from the gas-meter, the coal barons, and the Standard Oil Company. But even should fulfillment fall short of promise, we shall have had our pleasant alcoholic dream, and the awakening, if regretful, will still be free from the pangs engendered by excessive enthusiasm for the undenatured product."

Depths And Lower Depths

Beneath each depth there is a lower depth, even in life insurance maladministration. Syndicate profits in stock jobbing, nepotism, campaign contributions, systematic legislative corruption, all these were brought home by the Army of one or another, sometimes of all the great New York companies. These abuses were of slow growth, of at least twenty years' standing. Some casuists might even conceive that they had a color of excuse, but a Suarez or a Molina would be puzzled to justify the conduct of former Mutual officials revealed in testimony presented to the Grand Jury, and resulting in indictments of which the cable told us at the time, by which thousands, apparently hundreds of thousands, of dollars were paid on bills of firms that had no existence, or in pretended payment of forged bills of firms with which the company had genuine accounts. The "graft" from these transactions has been traced to the former head of the supply department and manager of the infamous "House of Mirth" at Albany. The system, it was shown, had been in operation for some years. It seems incredible that such a condition could have existed without the collusion of high officials. Since the new management came into control the supply department accounts have been reduced in some cases by two-thirds. Several former officials, in the face of these facts, must be convicted either of connivance or of ignorance. It is the business of the Grand Jury to determine which of them should be prosecuted for their. Of course, the security of policy holders and the credit of the present management are not directly affected by these disclosures. They emphasize, however, the necessity for a thorough housecleaning.

Outdoor Sports

One of the characteristics of the present age in America is the devotion paid to outdoor sport. The simultaneous assembly every afternoon in summer of crowds numbering from ten to twenty thousands in a score of cities to witness an innocent athletic contest is a phenomenon which may disturb those who regard time not given to business as wasted, but it is noteworthy that the puissant nations are addicted to some form of athleticism. Pericles named among the causes of Athenian greatness, mental and martial, the laws that provided for the mind frequent intermission from care by the appointment of public recreations through the year, "which put melancholy to flight."

A grave counselor, referring, of course, to harmless pastimes, observes that outdoor amusements are important parts of education. "Amusement of any kind is not wasting time. It is economizing life." He urges that the desire for relaxation is natural, is implanted for a wise purpose, and goes so far as to say that a well-directed attempt to promote an innocent amusement is worth many sermons against pernicious ones. "If we do not provide the opportunity for enjoying wholesome pleasures, men will certainly find out vicious ones for themselves." Sydney Smith truly said, "In order to attack vice with effect, we must set up something better in its place."

The fact that the British are a cricket-playing people and that the United States is a nation of baseball players, either as active participants or enraptured spectators, may explain the energy of the national character in both cases. At any rate, when a nation begins to play it is a sure sign that it has achieved prosperity. In our colonial era

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the people were too busy to surrender much time to mere sport. There was no such thing as the organization of athletics, now witnessed on a great scale in our various leagues and associations for the promotion of all forms of healthful recreation. When a country can amuse itself it is getting on bravely.

Every intelligent person perceives the distinction between the use and the abuse of a good thing. It is superfluous to advise young persons to be diligent at play. A cheery apologist for youthful idleness tempered with discretion observes, "Here and there a Lord Macaulay may escape from school honors with all his wits about him, but most boys pay so dear for their medals that they never afterward have a shot in their locker and begin the world bankrupt." In adult life men and women play with different toys. Many neglect to play at all. The dignified valetudinarian may not be able to indulge in tennis, cricket or baseball, golf or even placid croquet, but he can get excited and shout over a crisis in the field. It is refreshing for the old boys and girls to know that "in the theater of life those who look on and clap their hands from the benches do really play a part and fulfill important offices in the general result."

There is Scotch caution in the steps designed to identify heroes worthy of a Carnegie medal. It is clearly the intention not to give a medal to anyone whose claims to heroism the committee does not know all about.

An eastern paper reports that the seven masted schooner Thomas W. Lawson has been chartered by one of the oil companies and will carry oil in bulk. It is not stated what oil company has chartered her, but if it should prove to be the Standard Oil Company, it would be one of the curiosities of fate that that company should have in its service a vessel named after the man who has been one of its bitterest enemies, and against whom the officers of the company are believed to harbor the bitterest feelings.

Something Doing

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JULY 4TH, 1906.

PROGRAM:

FORENOON—

Roller Polo—1st Prize.
 Roller Basketball—1st Prize.
 Roller Baseball—1st Prize.
 Catching Pig on Skates—1st Prize.
 Obstacle Race, on Skates—1st and 2nd Prizes.
 Potato Race, on Skates—1st Prize.
 Egg and Spoon Race, on skates—1st Prize.
 Spearling Potato Race, on Skates—1st Prize.
 Backward Race, on Skates—1st Prize.
 Slow Race, on Skates—1st Prize.

INTERMISSION FOR LUNCH

AFTERNOON—

Girls' Skating Race—1st and 2nd Prizes.
 Boys' Skating Race—1st and 2nd Prizes.
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It is easy for the people to decide what a railroad company should do. A jealous woman will go to any amount of trouble to convince herself that she has reason to be miserable. When a man dies, every woman recalls just when and where she saw him last, and what he said and how he looked.

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